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CLINTON CRISSEY PATTERSON.

1889-1918.

No one can explain character. Its elements finally elude analysis. Its secret springs are not for the public eye. But there are few of us who are not sensitive to the presence of really great character. Let us remember, however, that neither fame nor notoriety, nor bluster make greatness. Simple faith in God and men, earnestness and honesty, and an eager willingness to spend and be spent for others—these are the insignia of greatness.

Clinton Crissey Patterson was born in Marengo, Ill., on September 16, 1889. His boyhood and youth were passed here in the play and work of a normal boy. He graduated from Marengo high school in 1908 and the following fall entered Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. After three years of intensive training the call of business became too insistent and without completing his university course he entered the office of the J. H. Patterson Company. He remained in this work until his death.

He was married to Miss Mabel Joslyn on September 4, 1912. His home has been blessed by the birth of two boys. The widow and one child survive him.

His interests in life were wide and varied. As all busy and capable men his time was never too crowded for him to assist where there was need. His life touched every vital interest in local activities. Since the opening of the war he has served as the secretary of the County Council of National Defense. This office alone entailed many hours of planning, travel and correspondence. He was associated with the county officers, who have charge of the four-minute men. He was director of the Illinois Lumber and Material Dealer's association. In addition to these activities he was the hub of the business wheel of the J. H. Patterson Company. Truly here

was a man who lived longer in his brief span of 29 years than many others who eke out their three score years and ten.

His illness of Spanish influenza lasted only a little over a week and terminated in his death on Tuesday evening, October 8, 1918.

The elements were so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man." In those fine and forceful qualities which make manhood, Clinton Patterson was richly endowed. His presence left one satisfied that here was a full-orbed personality. No side of his nature had expanded at the expense of another. He had convictions, ideals, energy and persistence. He also possessed tact, reserve and infinite patience. He knew how to put much usefulness into the too few hours of the day. We talk much about the strenuous life. He lived it. Surely he must have died in the faith of another noble and brave worker, Robert Louis Stevenson, that "Life goes down with better grace, foaming at full tide over some precipice, than miserably struggling to an end in sandy deltas."